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## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

**Hop Growers Form Organizations.**  
Salem.—For the protection of growers, to put an end to the contracting of the product as at present and to induce the brewers to buy American-grown hops instead of European hops, representatives of associations of California, Oregon and Washington, at a meeting here, decided upon the organization at once of three corporations, one for each state.

Under the agreement reached the minimum price to be offered the grower will be fixed each year by the board of directors of the state corporation. The corporation will sell the hops, if possible, for a price higher than that received by the grower, and the grower will receive the benefit of the advance over what he previously received, less a commission to the corporation of half a cent a pound to defray the expenses of the business management. It is believed that through this arrangement demoralization of prices such as have occurred in the past can be avoided and that there will be less opportunity for speculation.

### French Buy Baker Horses.

Baker.—Turner Bros., horse buyers, have contracted for 600 head of horses in various sections of northern Malheur county, Harney county, Grant county, Union county and Baker county, especially in the Burnt River and Mormon Basin sections. These horses will be sent for inspection to Baker, where a French army officer will go over these and about 200 others, which will be assembled here from nearby points for inspection.

Robert Jones, agent for the French government, who made the contract with Turner Bros., now is going through eastern Oregon getting additional horses for the French army. He expects to assemble about 5000 horses for final shipment from Baker.

CAPT. VON MUELLER



Capt. Karl von Mueller, commander of the German commerce-destroying cruiser Emden, which was finally captured.

### Hanging Retained by Arizona Vote.

Phoenix, Ariz.—By a vote of 19,329 to 18,182, the people of Arizona have made themselves responsible for the execution of fifteen condemned murderers. Complete official returns from the recent state-wide vote on a constitutional amendment abolishing capital punishment show the foregoing figures against the measure.

### American Cruisers Are Free to Act.

Washington.—Secretary Daniels cabled to Captain Decker, of the cruiser Tennessee, and Captain Oman, of the cruiser North Carolina, in the eastern Mediterranean, giving them discretionary authority to deal with emergencies that might arise in protecting American citizens and interests in Turkey.

## AMERICANS EVACUATE CITY OF VERA CRUZ

No Faction Is Recognized, But Forces Simply Pack Up and Withdraw.

Washington. — Brigadier-General Funston's infantry and marines, numbering about 6000, under orders from President Wilson, hauled down Monday the stars and stripes, which have been flying over Vera Cruz since Rear-Admiral Fletcher seized that port last April as an act of reprisal in retaliation for affronts to the American flag at Tampico, after General Huerta had refused to comply with a demand by Rear-Admiral Mayo for a salute of 21 guns.

Pains has been taken that in the withdrawal no faction shall be recognized.

All elements in Mexico united in asking the American forces to evacuate and pledged guarantees asked by Washington.

General Funston's instructions were simply to pack up and withdraw his men, bringing away any Mexicans who fear to remain, as well as all customs money collected during the American occupation, with copies of the port and municipal records.

### Britain Insists on Embargo on Wool.

Washington.—Great Britain has declined to modify, in favor of American manufacturers, the embargo on exportation of wool from Australia and other British dominions. It had been hoped that after the needs of the British army had been satisfied Americans might be permitted to buy the Australian surplus, giving guarantee that neither the wool nor goods made from it would reach Austria or Germany, but the state department was informed that for the present, at least, no exceptions would be made.

### ZEPPELIN HANGAR ATTACKED

British Attempt Daring Aeroplane Raid But Are Repulsed.

Friedrichshafen, via Berlin, The Hague and London.—Elaborate precautions which the Germans have taken for an emergency were responsible for the failure of the raid of three British aviators who swooped down on this city to drop bombs upon the Zeppelin balloon works.

Anti-aeroplane cannon and machine guns adapted to high-angle fire defeated the accomplishment of the daring exploit and succeeded in bringing down one of the hostile machines and putting the others to flight.

The Englishmen circled above the balloon hall for some time and dropped six bombs, two of which came near the buildings. Two other bombs struck houses in the city, damaging them severely and killing a man and wounding a woman.

One of the flyers then made a fearless attempt to cross the hall at a height of only a quarter of a mile. Bullets from the guns mounted on the tops of buildings, however, pierced the aeroplane's gasoline tank, causing the fuel to escape and forcing the pilot to attempt to glide to earth.

The other aviators rose to a great height and disappeared.

### Kansas Helps Belgians.

New York.—Fifty thousand barrels of wheat and flour from Kansas, constituting the first big shipment from that state for the relief of Belgian non-combatants, will be ready by December 1, according to a telegram received here by the American commission for relief in Belgium from ex-Governor Stubbs, head of the Kansas sub-committee on relief work.

### Want Irrigation in Rogue River.

Medford.—At a mass-meeting of the land owners of Jackson county, it was decided to launch a campaign for the establishment of an irrigation district in the Rogue River valley.

A committee appointed at the meeting will confer with the county court and ask for an election to vote bonds for an irrigation system.

### Rabbit Bounty Sought.

Silver Lake.—Petitions asking the state and the several counties interested to put a bounty on jackrabbits probably will be circulated in Lake, Harney, Crook and Malheur counties within the next few weeks.

## ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR MALHEUR COUNTY

Acreage of Tillable Lands Shows Increase.

### MANY ITEMS NOT LISTED HERE

The assessment roll of Malheur county, Oregon, for the year 1914, just completed at the county assessors office shows the total number of acres of deeded and patented lands in the county to be 711,369.69 acres with an assessed valuation of \$6,045,490. The increase in the number of acres of tillable lands in the county, as assessed, is 31,893.70 greater than in 1913.

The summary of the assessment roll of Malheur county, Oregon, for the year 1914, as finally equalized by the county board of equalization is:

All lands 711,369.69 acres \$6,045,490; tillable lands, 233,077.45 acres \$5,057,985; non-tillable lands, 478,312.22, \$987,505; land improvements, deeded, \$273,260; sown and city lots, \$379,830; improvements on lots, \$502,855; improvements on land, undeeded, \$26,380; engines and manufacturing machinery, \$25,140; merchandise and stock in trade, \$230,490; farm implements, wagons etc., \$69,700; money, \$5,725; notes and accounts, \$80,475; shares of stock, 3200, \$228,115; hotel and office furniture, \$40,200; horses, 11,091, \$294,560; mules, 388, \$16,565; cattle, 20,502, \$636,475; sheep, 178,368, \$487,380; swine, 3718, \$24,135; dogs, 504, \$2985; beehives, 3090, \$6,180; autos, 82, \$19,700; irrigation ditches, private, \$2,150; railroads not in operation, \$111,900; telephone lines, private, \$700; total value, \$9,710,140.

This does not include the public service corporations, railroads, telephone, telegraph, electric, which will be assessed by the state board of tax commissioners.

## CARELESSNESS OF WORKMEN REAL CAUSE OF FIRE

Carpenters and workmen are busy with the L. Adam house, restoring it and repairing it. The fire did a lot of damage but the house will soon be better than ever. The roof will all be on this week and the interior work is being rushed so that the house will be ready to move into by the first of the year. In overhauling the building it was found the bricklayers were careless and some fire got through the wall from one of the fire places.

## T. J. JOHNSON HAS SEVERE STROKE OF PARALYSIS

T. J. Johnson had a stroke of Paralysis a few days ago and is not expected to recover. He had been in apparent good health up to the time he was prostrated and had gone out to do the milking. He also has an attack of pneumonia.

## OREGON APPLES FIND A MARKET IN FOREIGN LANDS

Oregon apples are finding a market in far-away Siberia and the call for stock this year is unusually heavy. A shipment some time ago of 125 boxes of Hood River apples to Vladivostok was received in excellent condition and met with ready demand from the natives. Within the last few days other shipments have gone forward, being routed by way of Puget Sound from which point they will go by steamer to Japan, thence to Siberia. No advice has been received as to the prices at which these apples are sold to the ultimate consumer.

The new peace treaties, if we are correctly informed, mean that hereafter a country that goes to war must be able to tell what it is fighting about.

Almost every man loves his country enough to talk for it.

## CITY COUNCIL HOLDS A BUSY SESSION

Tax Levy For Coming Year Is Fixed at 12-1-2 Mills

### COMMERCIAL CLUB MEETING

At the council meeting last week there was an ordinance passed to take care of the dogs and keep them tied up or muzzled, in order to not run any chances from the mad coyotes running around.

The tax levy for the coming year was fixed at 12½ mills, one mill for the public library, 4½ mill levy for interest account and 7 mills for the general and road fund.

The increase this year is due to a decreased valuation and to an increase to care for the interest on the bond issue for the city hall and sewer outlet.

### Delegates to Irrigation Congress

There was a meeting of the Commercial Club on Monday evening. Some new members were taken in.

W. H. Doolittle made a report on the Corn Carnival, showing it was highly successful from all angles.

Resolutions were adopted to make a showing of corn at Walla Walla and E. B. Conklin was secured to look after the exhibit.

J. R. Blackaby and C. W. Mallett were designated as delegates to represent the club at the Irrigation Congress meeting to be held in Portland. Both of these gentlemen are officers of the body.

## TWO POPULAR YOUNG PEOPLE FACE LIFE TOGETHER

W. R. Shinn and Miss Elizabeth Staples were married at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Staples Wednesday afternoon.

The home was beautifully decorated and the entire affair everything that could be desired by a bride and groom. About seventy guests were present.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Pratt of the Methodist church.

After a short honeymoon in Boise the young people will be at home in the Farley house on Morfit street.

## CHRISTMAS PACKAGES MUST BE WRAPPED SECURELY

This is the time that the usual warning is sent out by the post office to have your packages securely wrapped and properly addressed also that 50 pounds can only be sent 150 miles and 20 pounds anywhere. Mail early.

## OFFICIALS OF O. W. R. & N. MAKE US A VISIT

A special from the O. W. R. & N. Company came in Sunday evening with several officials, who left for the front.

G. E. Moore, who will have charge of the new townsite at Riverside, was here a few days and went out with the party. It was found there was another post office in the state called Riverton, so the townsite was named Riverside. The lots will be placed on sale and the railroad company will commence the erection of their buildings.

J. D. Farrell, R. B. Miller, and others of the party were guests of W. H. Doolittle, while their train was here Tuesday.

It could not be learned what the party made the trip for beyond the opening up of the townsite.

The line to Riverside is practically completed, one bridge has a little work to finish up.

Within ten days the line will be taken over and operated by the O. W. R. & N. Company.

This will necessitate the taking over of the line from Huntington to Ontario at an early date.

## NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST IN IDAHO

Important Occurrences Of The Past Week From Cities In Our State

### University Work Urged.

Moscow.—President Melvin A. Brannon, of the university, has returned from Boise, where he attended the meetings of the state board of education. President Brannon presented many of the needs of the university to the board. The most important recommendation was for a bond issue to complete the beautiful new administration building.

He also took up the matter of securing a new implement building, additional space for the greenhouses, new floors for the dormitory and extensions to the central heating plant. The appointment of Miss Elizabeth Hays to be assistant in the home economics section of the extension department was approved.

### More Arrests of St. Maries Men.

Coeur d'Alene.—Four additional arrests were made at St. Maries by Sheriff Bailey and Deputy Sawyer on complaints alleging sale of intoxicating liquor in violation of the law. J. J. Bouchard, proprietor of the Lumbermen's hotel, and A. L. Luallin of the St. Maries hotel gave \$100 bonds for appearance before Justice Hubbard; Hugh Lockery appeared before Judge B. A. Reed and was released upon his own recognizance, as also Frank Anderson, whose preliminary arraignment took place before Justice Hubbard. Awaiting trial for similar charges from St. Maries are B. K. Cash, John Doe Roup, C. M. Roup, John Doe Helmsman and Mrs. B. Petersen.

### Twin Falls Has Election Scandal.

Twin Falls.—Voters in the Milner precinct in Twin Falls county, have filed a complaint with the county canvassing board, charging irregularities in the methods employed in their precinct in the conduct of the election there, and protesting against the payment of fees to E. C. Davis, judge, and Mrs. Abercrombie, clerk of the election. The complaint states that Davis was at the same time democratic candidate for justice of the peace and that Mrs. Abercrombie, a sister-in-law of Davis, was a non-resident of the precinct, and not a legal voter.

### CALDWELL HORSE CENTER

Merger of Two Firms Makes it Important Point in Trade.

Caldwell.—With the consolidation this week of the Turner & Haley and the Sneed Bros.' Horse companies, Caldwell gained the distinction of having the largest horse market west of the Missouri river.

The amalgamated concern has at the present time approximately \$100,000 invested in horses quartered here, and has 10 buyers constantly in the field purchasing animals suitable for army purposes.

The local firm has a blanket contract with the British government to furnish up to 10,000 horses for the cavalry and artillery branches of the allied forces and is one of two firms in the west to be designated inspection agents.

Caldwell is also an inspection point for the United States army, and it is understood that negotiations are now being conducted with two other European governments with a view of having this city made their chief inspection point for the west.

### Corn Contest at Culesac.

Culesac.—The corn contest conducted by the First bank of Culesac was held here. Farmers from the surrounding country were in attendance. The judges were James Chow, Theo. Mattson and William Bozarth, and the first prize, \$15 cash, was awarded to C. A. Parks for the best Yellow Dent, Emil Fisher taking second. For the best White Dent Joe Mattson was awarded first prize of \$10 cash and W. N. Rogers second.

### Accepted.

"Shall we have a little tete-a-tete while we are waiting?" "Yes, indeed, but remember to tell 'em not to make it too strong."—Baltimore American.

## VICTORY IN POLAND RUMORED IN BERLIN

Russian Retreat May Be Cut Off--Petrograd Claims Gains.

Berlin, via Rome.—Apparently no decision has been reached in the great eastern battle, which is being fought in the territory between the Warthe and the Vistula rivers, although Berlin is filled with rumors of a great victory. The official reports continue to register a succession of tactical successes which may form the basis for a decisive victory.

The military critic of Vossische Zeitung considers the Austro-German situation as extraordinarily favorable and declares it gives ground for hope that the Russians may be cut off entirely from a line of retreat. He says that the success which the Germans claim near Czenstochowa is particularly encouraging, as it relieves the situation on the Silesian frontier.

The Austrian reports say that the Carpathian passes are being held strongly against the Russian advance.

London.—The following official report from the Russian general headquarters was issued in Petrograd:

"The fighting between the Vistula and the Warthe continues with great persistence. We have obtained some partial success.

"The fights on the front of Czenstochowa-Cracow have resulted in no essential changes. We have taken 2000 prisoners and some machine guns.

"In Galicia, the Austrians have evacuated Novy-Sandez under the pressure of our troops."

### De Wet's Sons Surrender.

London.—The Cape Town correspondent of the Reuter Telegram company says that two sons of General Christian De Wet, the rebel leader, have surrendered to a magistrate in Cape Town. Several of General De Wet's chief officers, together with most of his supporters to the west of the railway line, surrendered at the same time.

NICHOLAS LONGWORTH



Nicholas Longworth, Roosevelt's son-in-law, who will again represent an Ohio district in Congress.

### War Saves Eugene \$2000.

Eugene.—The present European war has saved the city of Eugene, through its power plant, approximately \$2000. A carload of copper wire was received here which was purchased when the price of copper was at its lowest ebb on account of the war, \$2000 under the price quoted before war was declared. The price has risen since so that the carload would cost \$300 more if purchased today. Copper is cheaper than it has been for ten years.

### Canada Adds to Army.

Ottawa, Ont.—Canada will increase immediately to 91,000 the number of men under arms, Premier Borden announced. Fifty thousand are to be mobilized and sent forward as requisitioned by the war office.